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United States Attorney's Office Announces Federal Funding for Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative

Overview of Project Safe Neighborhoods

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime, and sustaining that reduction. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies in a unified offensive led by the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts. Each USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement PSN initiatives within the district. Through the PSN task force, each USA will implement the five core elements of PSN—partnerships, strategic planning, training, outreach, and accountability—to address specific gun-crime problems in that district. Details on the five elements can be found online at www.ncjrs.gov/html/bja/205263/.

Application Deadline:

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2007.

Project Safe Neighborhoods-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Congress is working to appropriate funding to maintain current and expand PSN comprehensive gun crime reduction strategies. In addition, the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts anticipates receiving funding (under a separate grant announcement) to partner with local law enforcement and others in the PSN task force to develop and expand district wide comprehensive anti-gang strategies patterned after PSN's five essential elements. Additional guidance may be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/. Each district should coordinate, to the extent possible, their PSN anti-gang strategies and funding with their PSN gun crime reduction strategies and funding.

Award Amount

Each district is eligible to apply for a formula-based allocation, based on population, that will flow through the PSN fiscal agent. DOJ will determine each district's final grant award, which may take into account the district's need for funding and past performance. Past performance includes, but is not limited to, the timely submission of progress and financial reports and active PSN grant balances. A list of amounts each district is eligible to apply for will be available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psn.html.

Length of the Award

Awards will be made for a period of up to 36 months.

Unallowable Costs

Unallowable costs for PSN grants funds include:

- Gun locks (for details, see www.projectchildsafe.org).
- Confidential funds.
- Gun buy-back programs.
- Air-time to run the national public service announcements

Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
To create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime, and sustaining that reduction.	1. Percentage of targeted PSN sites reporting a reduction over the previous year in the number of homicides with a firearm. 2. Number of combined homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies that are committed with a firearm within the targeted PSN site.	1. Number of homicides with a firearm experienced during the current reporting period within the targeted PSN site. 2. Number of combined homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies that are committed with a firearm during the current reporting period within the targeted PSN site.

How To Apply

Applications must be in narrative form, no longer than five pages, explaining what the program funding is being requested for and how that program will work to reduce gun crime. All applications need to be on agency letter head and list a point of contact. Should you have any questions please contact Shana Jones at shana.jones@usdoj.gov or Natalie Brown at natalie.brown@oag.state.tx.us. All applications must be submitted to Natalie Brown at the above e-mail address.

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